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1. THE PROJECT SHOULD PROCEED AS PLANNED.
2. IF QUESTIONS ARE RAISED CONCERNING STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO SCHMIDT ABOUT A FOUR POWER AGREEMENT, YOU AND LODGE SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING POINTS AS APPROPRIATE:
 - A. THERE WERE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE ITALIAN SITUATION ON THE MARGINS OF THE PUERTO RICO MEETING, AS WAS ONLY NATURAL RIGHT AFTER THE ELECTION.
 - B. THERE WAS NO EFFORT TO PLACE ITALIAN LEADERS IN PUERTO RICO IN THE EMBARRASSING POSITION OF ANSWERING TO THEIR COLLEAGUES ON MATTERS OF DOMESTIC ITALIAN CONCERN.

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C. CURRENT CONVERSATIONS IN ROME BY SENIOR AMERICANS

ARE INTENDED SOLELY TO MAKE CLEAR AMERICAN VIEWS.

D. THERE IS NO FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH OTHER THREE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS. THE LATTER ARE FREE TO PROCEED WITH THEIR OWN POLICIES AND EXPLANATIONS OF THEIR OWN. TO THE EXTENT THEY AGREE WITH THE LINE TAKEN BY SENIOR AMERICANS THEY ARE DOING SO ENTIRELY INDEPENDENTLY.

E. ONLY AGREEMENT IN PUERTO RICO IS THAT REGISTERED IN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH ALL SEVEN PARTICIPANTS CONCURRED. KISSINGER

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